



## Paul N. Bishop

April 22, 1940 - May 21, 2023

For 83 years, Paul N. Bishop was a devoted dad and doting pap paw, a beloved brother, an uplifting uncle, a tremendous teacher, a venerable veteran, a competitive coach, a faithful fisherman, a hardy hunter, a strident sports fan, a dauntless dancer, and a fervent friend. He passed away surrounded by his family on May 21, 2023.

The youngest of six children, Paul was born on April 22, 1940 in Pinconning, Michigan to Homer and Helen Corbeille Bishop. After graduating from St. Michael Catholic High School in 1958, he joined the U.S. Navy, proudly serving his country as a radioman until 1962. He earned a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in science education from Indiana University.

Paul taught earth science to thousands of seventh-grade students during his 36-year teaching career, the majority of which he spent at Knightstown Jr.-Sr. High School (1973-2003). He also coached baseball, basketball, and football at Knightstown and in Harbor Beach, Michigan and Johannesburg, Michigan, where he started his teaching career.

During retirement, Paul was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed live sporting events, especially as a fan for his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children Brenda Bishop (Scott Taylor), Doug Bishop (Marnell), Ellen Crone (Chris) and three grandchildren, Teddi, Remington, and Gracelin.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM, Friday, May 26, 2023 at Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle, Indiana. Friends may visit 1:00 - 3:00 PM prior to the service at the funeral home.

You may send a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Paul Bishop.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **26**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(765) 521-2400  
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com  
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Paul N. Bishop*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - May 26, 2023 at 02:23 PM

GC

“ *I am very sad about Grandpa Paul. I hardly ever got to meet him but had some very good times. I hope he is doing good wherever he is. :) This is Gracelin Jane Crone (mom's last name once was Bishop). Bye. I hope I can see him again. :( :)*



Gracelin Jane Crone - April 03, 2024 at 10:33 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Paul N. Bishop.*



May 26, 2023 at 10:39 AM

PN

“ Best seventh grade science teacher ever. I was in his seventh grade class at Knightstown when the tornado went through in April 1973. He made sure that we were safe and tried to calm our fear. What a great man he was. Prayers for his family.

Peggy Jenkins Neal - May 25, 2023 at 09:38 PM

EB

“ Uncle Paul, Thanks for putting out the fire I started when I was 5 years old and teaching me how to paint. Still doing it (not starting fires) well..... We'll miss you. Thoughts and prayers to your children and grandchildren . Eugene Bishop Jr. ( Hugh) and family

Eugene Bishop - May 25, 2023 at 09:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul N. Bishop.



May 25, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul N. Bishop.

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**Eugene Bishop** - May 25, 2023 at 07:39 PM

MF

“ Mom & Jim and the Wilson Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Paul N. Bishop.



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**Mom & Jim and the Wilson Family** - May 25, 2023 at 07:13 PM

DL

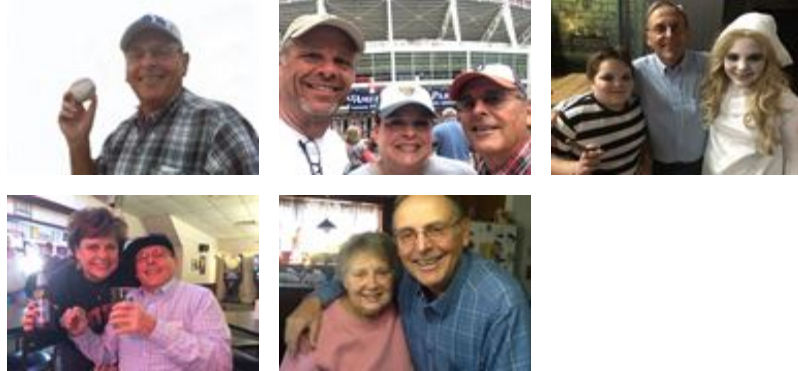
“ RIP Mr. Bishop! You were a wonderful teacher and made learning so much fun! Not only did I enjoy your science class, you had a stargazer's club and taught us about astronomy. Before my mother died she wanted to learn some constellations so I was able to pass on to her the knowledge you had taught us.

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**Dawn Lansinger** - May 25, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ 65 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - May 25, 2023 at 04:16 PM



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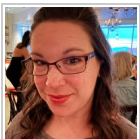
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“ I taught with Paul at KJSHS. He was always joking and making us laugh. He always would go out of his way to help. My daughter had him for 7th grade science and she adored him. He was one of a kind.

Nancy Watson

Nancy Watson - May 25, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss Brenda and family. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Loren Bumbalough - May 25, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Paul N. Bishop.*



May 25, 2023 at 08:57 AM



“ *Rob and Robin Clendening purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul N. Bishop.*



**Rob and Robin Clendening** - May 24, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ *Mr. Bishop was one of my favorite teachers. I did not like science, but he made science fun. I was in his 7th grade science class his first year teaching at KHS. He walked around class telling us what to expect in his class. I was seated in the back and he had “the pole” in his hand and had put it across my neck. We all froze and then he said, “If you fall asleep in my class, (then dropped the pole) this is how I wake you!” We all laughed and knew then, that he would be a fun teacher. He was loved and will be missed by ALL his former students.*

*Prayers for his family.*

*Beth Browning Clark*

**Beth Browning Clark** - May 24, 2023 at 03:13 PM



*“Then he dropped the pole” Every single one of his adoring former students knows exactly what you are talking about.*

**Jon Corwin** - May 25, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Paul N. Bishop.*



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May 24, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ *Annie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Paul Bishop*



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**Annie Jackson** - May 24, 2023 at 08:55 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Paul N. Bishop.*



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May 24, 2023 at 08:47 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul N. Bishop.*



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May 24, 2023 at 08:35 AM

MP

“ *Mr. Bishop taught all my children at Knightstown High School. He was their favorite teacher. He was a great person and educator. Heaven is getting a joy!*

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**Mary Beth Pribble** - May 23, 2023 at 10:30 PM

CC

“ *Mr. Bishop was a great man. I remember hearing stories of him from my aunts and mom when they went to school and had him as their teacher. I was excited when it came my turn to experience him as a teacher.*

*You never fell asleep in class, if you did, you better of had a pair of spare shorts! So many students have great memories of him. My heart breaks for him and his family as they go through this difficult time! My thoughts and prayers for all of you, Mr. Bishop will truly be missed.*

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**Christina Conyers** - May 23, 2023 at 09:19 PM

KB

*Uncle Paul you were one of the best. That great smile warm hug and tons of Euchrea games. RIP until we meet again. love you  
Jay and Karen Bishop*

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**Karen Bishop** - May 25, 2023 at 03:13 PM

DM

“ Paul and I trapped together for several years. Several weeks a year, we would set traps in the evening and check them in the morning before school. I saved his life once when he went in and his waders filled up and he was sinking. I just was able to grab his hand before he went under. He was freezing when we got him out. He was a master fox trapper. We trapped for several years before the market went south. We reconnected when Doug started MDs. We were able to pheasant hunt several years ago. It was like we picked up right where we left off after high school. He was a great teacher and person.

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**David McIntosh** - May 23, 2023 at 09:12 PM

SM

“ Coach. I never had you in class as was one of the Carthage boys but sure learned a lot during Jr High football season. You were tough but we always had fun. R.I.P  
Steve Mackey

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**Steve Mackey** - May 23, 2023 at 08:45 PM

DS

“ I have fond memories of my time in Mr. Bishop's seventh grade science classroom at Knightstown. What an interesting, fun, dedicated teacher he was. And yes, woe to the student who dared to fall asleep in his classroom, because a metal meter stick would be dropped beside the student. You could hear it in classrooms up and down the hall! Rest in peace, Mr. Bishop. Well done.

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**Diane Dalton Smoot** - May 23, 2023 at 08:41 PM

NR

“ He was one of the good ones. I appreciated his sharing his interest in the outdoors. He used to get amped up about wild morel mushrooms and he'd say “little butter , little salt..... MMMMmmmm”. His memory lives on.

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**Nate R** - May 23, 2023 at 08:40 PM

RM

“ Mr. Bishop was such a great teacher, he brought fun to education in his classes. He always greeted his students with a smile! Sending my deepest sympathies to his family

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**Rozel (Gatmaitan) Moore** - May 23, 2023 at 08:04 PM

JD

“ Mr. Bishop was an outstanding educator. He was warm, friendly, funny and knew how to engage students in learning science. I am glad to have known him and benefitted from his instruction. Justin Darling

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**Justin Darling** - May 23, 2023 at 07:27 PM

MP

“ Mr. Bishop was an outstanding person with a congenial personality that inspired his students and coworkers! God's Blessings to his family and to all who knew him! He always made us smile!

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**Mike & Nancy Peyton** - May 23, 2023 at 07:05 PM

MA

“Hearing of the passing of Mr. Bishop is heart breaking. He was my all time favorite teacher and started my love for science. Even when I was in Jr. High I could tell he loved teaching and cared for his students. Even through the years he came to my mind and I tell my kids of him. His memory will live on in all the lives he has touched through the years. RIP Mr. Bishop.

Malea - May 23, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Paul N. Bishop.



May 23, 2023 at 06:32 PM

AW

“This man is more like a grandpa to me, I'm so glad that I got to go down to Florida and visit with my grandparents and boy did he sure show us the best time!! Love you so much. Thank you for being the great man you were!

Ashley Wright - May 23, 2023 at 06:24 PM

EM

“Mr. Bishop was the best teacher I had back in school. He played a roll of where I am today. I'm glad I got to tell him that 20 years ago. R.I.P sir.



Eric Moore - May 23, 2023 at 04:02 PM

JC

*He was one of my favorite teachers at Ktown. So sorry for your family's loss.*

John Carmack - May 23, 2023 at 06:50 PM

 Lisa Williams Oakes

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this. I had Mr. Bishop at Knightstown. He was an amazing teacher and impacted a lot of lives, including mine. I still think about the time he took us stargazing, cooked us a mushroom and dandelions, brought in earth worm cookies and dropped a pipe to wake up a sleeping student (not me). Prayers for your family. I consider myself very blessed to be one of the many students to pass through his classroom and the impact that has had on my life.*

Lisa Williams Oakes - May 23, 2023 at 04:02 PM

RG

*I had him as a teacher at Knightstown and he was one of the best. He made learning fun and was always ready to help you. Another great Panther gone. Prayers to his family.*

Robin Gregory - May 23, 2023 at 06:43 PM

BP

*Paul Bishop was a hell of a Jr. High football coach and teacher. His personality was unforgettable. He got the most out of us, but was still a someone to look up to. I haven't seen him for years, but I have never forgot him. / Brett Posey*

Brett Posey - May 23, 2023 at 09:56 PM